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Statement of Board of Equalization Member Betty T. Yee on the Supreme Court's review of Same Sex Marriage Cases

SAN FRANCISCO --- First District Board of Equalization Member Betty T. Yee issued the following statement in reaction to the United States Supreme Court's grant of review to California's Proposition 8 ban on same sex marriage case and a marriage case from the State of New York:

"Today, the nation's highest court took advantage of an opportunity to proclaim marriage equality for all Americans as the law of the land. In two cases, the court will review both whether states may limit the right to marry, as well as whether the federal government can legally discriminate against same sex relationships legally recognized in nineteen states and the District of Columbia.

"It is imperative for the court to take this opportunity to defend our nation's core values and ensure marriage equality is the law of the land.

"Moreover, these cases demonstrate how unfair tax policies hurt families headed by same sex couples. The only way to end this government-imposed discrimination is for the court to decide these cases on the merits."

Today, the U.S. Supreme Court decided to review the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals' decision in *Perry v. Hollingsworth*, invalidating Proposition 8's ban on same sex marriage and the Second Circuit's decision in *Windsor v. U.S.*, in which the federal government denied an estate tax exemption applicable to married couples to two women legally married under the laws of the State of New York.

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Board Member Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Yee previously served as Chief Deputy Director for Budget at the California Department of Finance, covering a wide array of state and local finance policy matters.

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